

OPEN ARCHITECTURE GLOBAL SIGN ON  
APPARATUS AND METHOD THEREFOR

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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A global sign-on mechanism (GSO) is implemented. The mechanism provides a GSO system and method for a networked data processing system within an open architecture framework. The system and method are constructed on a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) framework by defining a set of data structures, the GSO LDAP schema. GSO functionality is effected using protocol operations on the LDAP object and attribute instances as defined in accordance with the GSO schema.

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